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New Jersey Lottery Celebrates a Million Dollar Instant Ticket Win at Wawa Store

TRENTON, N.J. (Aug. 22, 2014) – New Jersey Lottery and Wawa celebrated the first million dollar winning ticket being sold from a Wawa store since their entrance into lottery sales and their official rollout of self-service lottery vending machines in November 2013. The winning ticket was a Diamond Spectacular instant ticket sold from the store located at 301 Newton's Corner Rd., Howell. Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery Executive Director was on hand to congratulate the store staff for their good fortune in selling the winning ticket and to remind them and the public that in addition to the ticket holder winning, everyone wins when playing the New Jersey Lottery. "Lottery revenue generated from ticket sales are contributed back to the state and its residents in support of education and institutions making everyone in the Garden State a winner," said Hedinger.



Carole Hedinger, NJ Lottery Executive Director, (third from left) celebrating with Wawa team members

Since the Lottery's inception more than 44 years ago, it has contributed \$22 billion in revenue to fund programs that benefit millions of New Jersey residents. Community Colleges, Universities, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the School Nutrition Program, and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf are just a few of the organizations and programs whose constituencies benefit from Lottery proceeds.

For selling the winning ticket, Wawa received a bonus commission in the amount of \$16,250. A portion of the bonus was used to present the store staff with gratitude gifts and the balance was donated to Wawa internal programs that support and are available to all associates.

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About the New Jersey Lottery

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed more than \$22 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In Fiscal Year 2013, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$1 billion. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, community and other colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

The Lottery also plays a key role in supporting businesses throughout the state with approximately 6,800 Lottery retailers. In Fiscal Year 2013, the Lottery retailers earned more than \$157 million in commissions supporting convenience stores and other establishments throughout the state. Every day, the Lottery helps to make winners by: providing entertainment and winning jackpots for lottery players; supporting the business community that serves as Lottery retailers and generating financial support for vital programs and organizations in our State.

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